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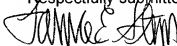
Claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 10-11 are the only active claims pending in this application. Claim 12 is canceled. The foregoing separate sheets marked as "Listing of Claims" shows all the claims in the application, each with an indication at its first line showing the claim's current status.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Office Action's indication that claim 1 is allowed and claims 3, 5-7 and 10-11 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objection based on reciting dependence from canceled claim 2. Applicant has amended claim 3 to correctly recite dependence from claim 1, which overcomes the objection.

Claim 12 is canceled. Applicant is not conceding in this application that claim 12 is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claim 12 is canceled only for expediting the instant application with claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 10-11. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claim 12, as well as claims drawn to other disclosed subject matter, in one or more continuation applications.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

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